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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

Wouldn't you agree that it is my right—as an American consumer—to know if the food I am eating has been genetically altered? I am, frankly, horrified to know that such man-created organisms have been unleashed into our fragile environment in the absence of adequate testing, safeguards and labeling. The hazards they pose are, as yet, unknown. But history has already shown that man can and will create environmental hazards with unthinkable life expectancies.

I would draw your attention to the lawsuit filed in May challenging the F.D.A.'s policy not to require labels on transgenic foods. I fully support this lawsuit's demands for safety testing and complete and prominent labels. Consumers must not be made unknowing guinea pigs in industrial experiments with potentially dangerous foods.

Please find the means to assure me that the F.D.A. is living up to its mandate to protect public health, and that consumers like me will be provided with the information we need about the food we purchase, prepare and serve to our loved ones. Thank you. I eagerly await your reply.

Sincerely,



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